

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A clamping device for clamping ~~[[a]]~~ at least one flexible packing of a cylinder of a printing press, ~~[[which]]~~ said cylinder ~~[[has]]~~ having an axial channel on a jacket surface, said clamping device comprising:

an elastic clamping body, which forms forming a clamping gap in said clamping axial channel with a first opposite surface for at least one end of said packing, ~~[[which]]~~ said end protrudes protruding through ~~[[said]]~~ an opening of said axial channel, said clamping body comprising a composite body with a core made of a core material and with a coating made of an elastically nonrigid coating material connected to said core, said coating having a lower specific gravity than the core material, said coating having an inward spring deflection by the thickness of at least one end of said packing;

two ~~[[said]]~~ channel walls, ~~which face~~ facing said first opposite surface, ~~and one of which forms one said channel wall forming~~ a second opposite surface and ~~the other forms another said channel wall forming~~ a third opposite surface, on which said first opposite surface and said two channel walls supporting said clamping body, is supported, touching it; wherein at least one said clamping body ~~and said opposite surfaces forming~~ a spring, and the force of elasticity of said spring tensions said clamping body and said first opposite surface toward each other ~~in order to clamp the at least one end of said packing with said packing pulled in.~~

2. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said opposite surfaces are formed on one or both of said cylinder or on a filler immovably bound

with said cylinder.

3. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said opposite surfaces form support points for said clamping body, which are distributed around the circumference of said clamping body, wherein two adjacent support points each have an angular distance of less than 180°.

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9. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim [[8]] 1, wherein said coating envelopes said core.

10. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim [[8]] 1, wherein the coating material has a Shore hardness of 70 Shore \pm 10 Shore.

11. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim [[6]] 1, wherein said clamping body is elastic due to its shape.

12. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said clamping body forms an elastic arc and forms said clamping gap with said arc, and that said arc is open.

13. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said arc extends over at least two of said opposite surfaces and is elastically tensioned to at least two of said opposite surfaces.

14. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said arc having two ends, said arc forming forms said support feet at the two ends at its two ends, with which it is said arc being arranged in the channel such that the two ends support the arc supported in said channel and ~~between which it is~~ elastically tension the arc in said channel tensioned.

15. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one of said opposite surface of said two channel walls is formed by an insert, which is said insert being inserted into a channel wall limiting said channel, or an elastically nonrigid coating, which is arranged on said channel wall, forms said spring.

16. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said insert is elastic in its material.

17. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 16, wherein said insert has a Shore hardness of 70 Shore \pm 10 Shore.

18. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 16, wherein said insert or said coating is provided with a wear-resistant surface, preferably coated with a harder material forming the wear-resistant surface, on a side facing said clamping body.

19. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least two of said opposite surfaces are formed by an insert or coating, said insert or coating being comprised of an ~~that is~~ elastic ~~in its~~ material.

20. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a recess, ~~which is~~ formed on the jacket surface of said cylinder, and at least one ~~[[said]]~~ filler inserted into said recess form said axial channel and ~~[[said]]~~ limiting edges of ~~[[said]]~~ an opening of said channel, and said filler is provided with an insert or a coating ~~that is comprised~~ of an elastic ~~in its~~ material.

21. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ an opening of said axial channel is limited by two ~~[[said]]~~ limiting edges in the circumferential direction of said cylinder, ~~that~~ said channel widens from said limiting edges in both circumferential directions of said cylinder, ~~and that~~ a channel wall extending up to one of said limiting edges forms said first opposite surface, and a channel wall extending up to the other of said limiting edges forms said second opposite surface, so that the at least one end of said packing can be clamped between said clamping body and either said first opposite surface

or said second opposite surface depending on [[said]] a direction of rotation [[(D)]] of said cylinder.

22. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first opposite surface points at an angle of at least 30° to a radial [[®]] extending through said channel opening toward [[said]] an axis of rotation [[(D_z)]] of said cylinder.

23. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said second opposite surface points at an angle of at least 30° toward a radial [[®]] extending through said channel opening toward [[said]] an axis of rotation [[(D_z)]] of said cylinder.

24. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of said opposite surfaces forms a guide path, along which said clamping body can be moved in a rolling and/or sliding manner at right angles to [[said]] an axis of rotation [[(D_z)]] of said cylinder.

25. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said clamping body has a round surface, with which [[it]] said clamping body forms the clamping gap, at least in the nonloaded state.

26. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim [[1]] 25.

wherein the round surface has a radius of curvature that is greater than 7 mm and preferably greater than 10 mm.

27. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said clamping body is rotatable in said channel while the clamping gap is maintained.

28. (Previously Presented) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a plurality of said packings are tensioned onto said cylinder, arranged axially next to one another, and not more than one said clamping body per packing is provided.

29. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein only one said clamping body is arranged in said axial channel.

30. (Currently Amended) A clamping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a plurality of said separate clamping bodies are arranged in said axial channel.

31. (New) A clamping device for clamping at least one flexible packing of a cylinder of a printing press, said cylinder having an axial channel on a jacket surface, said clamping device comprising:

a clamping body forming an elastic arc, said clamping body forming a clamping gap with said arc in said axial channel with a first opposite surface for at least one end of said packing,

said end protruding through an opening of said axial channel, said clamping body being elastic due to its shape, said arc having two ends, said arc forming support feet at the two ends, said arc being arranged in the channel such that the two ends support said arc in said channel and elastically tension said arc in said axial channel;

10 two channel walls facing said first opposite surface, one said channel wall forming a second opposite surface and another said channel wall forming a third opposite surface, said first opposite surface and said two channel walls supporting said clamping body, at least one said clamping body forming a spring, said spring tensions said clamping body and said first opposite surface toward each other to clamp the at least one end of said packing with said
15 packing pulled in.

32. (New) A clamping device for clamping at least one flexible packing of a cylinder of a printing press, said cylinder having an axial channel on a jacket surface, said clamping device comprising:

5 a clamping body forming a clamping gap in said axial channel with a first opposite surface for at least one end of said packing, said end protruding through an opening of said axial channel;

10 two channel walls facing said first opposite surface, one said channel wall forming a second opposite surface and another said channel wall forming a third opposite surface, said first opposite surface and said two channel walls supporting said clamping body, at least one said clamping body and said opposite surfaces forming a spring, said spring tensions said

clamping body and said first opposite surface toward each other to clamp the at least one end of said packing, at least one of said opposite surfaces being formed by an elastic insert inserted into a channel wall, said insert having a Shore hardness of 70 Shore \pm 10 Shore.

33. (New) A clamping device for clamping at least one flexible packing of a cylinder of a printing press, said cylinder having an axial channel on a jacket surface, said clamping device comprising:

5 a clamping body forming a clamping gap in said axial channel with a first opposite surface for at least one end of said packing, said end protruding through an opening of said axial channel;

10 two channel walls facing said first opposite surface, one said channel wall forming a second opposite surface and another said channel wall forming a third opposite surface, said first opposite surface and said two channel walls supporting said clamping body, at least one said clamping body forming a spring, said spring tensions said clamping body and said first opposite surface toward each other to clamp the at least one end of said packing, at least one of said opposite surfaces of said two channel walls being formed by an elastic insert inserted into a channel wall, said insert being provided with a wear-resistant surface on a side facing said clamping body.

34. (New) A clamping device for clamping at least one flexible packing of a cylinder of a printing press, said cylinder having an axial channel on a jacket surface, said clamping

device comprising:

5 a clamping body forming a clamping gap in said axial channel with a first opposite surface for at least one end of said packing, said end protruding through an opening of said axial channel;

10 two channel walls facing said first opposite surface, one said channel wall forming a second opposite surface and another said channel wall forming a third opposite surface, said first opposite surface and said two channel walls supporting said clamping body, at least one said clamping body and said opposite surfaces forming a spring, said spring tensions said clamping body and said first opposite surface toward each other to clamp the at least one end of said packing, at least two of said opposite surfaces being formed by an elastic insert or coating.